in rural areas in order to provide employment opportunities in the rural area itself. As on 31.3.2000, KVIC generated 12.35 lakhs employment under Khadi and 46.88 lakhs employment under Village Industries. This achievement has considerably helped to reduce the migration of rural people to urban areas.

Competition among Industries

† 4540. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any automatic policy to boost competition among the industries;

(b) if so, whether the said policy has since been implemented;

(c) the number of suggestions submitted to Government before finalisation of the said policy; and

(d) the number of suggestions out of them which have been accepted /included in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Recommendations of Abid Hussain Committee

† 4541. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Abid Hussain Committee on Small Scale Industries;

(b) the number of the recommendations yet to be implemented;

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.